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#### RED MEAT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production** during October 2020 totaled 1.40 million pounds. This was up 14 percent from October 2019. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

**Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 2,133,000 pounds live weight, up 25 percent from October 2019. Cattle slaughter totaled 2,100 head, up 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 77 pounds from the previous year, at 993 pounds.

**Commercial calf slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 290,000 pounds live weight, down 10 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 1,000 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 299 pounds.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**United States - Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 5.09 billion pounds in October, up slightly from the 5.07 billion pounds produced in October 2019.

**Beef production**, at 2.47 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter

totaled 2.95 million head, down 1 percent from October 2019. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,385 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 5.3 million pounds, 24 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,100 head, down 33 percent from October 2019. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 250 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.60 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 12.0 million head, down 2 percent from October 2019. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 291 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 10.6 million pounds, was down 17 percent from October 2019. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,300 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 116 pounds, down 8 pounds from October a year ago.

**January to October 2020 commercial red meat production** was 46.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2019. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

October 2019 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. October 2020 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

*Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.*

#### CATTLE ON FEED

**United States - Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on November 1, 2020. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2019. This is the highest

November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

**Placements** in feedlots during October totaled 2.19 million head, 11 percent below 2019. Net placements were 2.13 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 570,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 495,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 465,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 387,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during October totaled 1.87 million head, slightly below 2019.

**Other disappearance** totaled 63,000 head during October, 7 percent above 2019.



## CHICKENS AND EGGS

**United States - Egg production** totaled 9.50 billion during October 2020, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 8.24 billion table eggs, and 1.25 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.17 billion were broiler-type and 79.8 million were egg-type. The average number of layers during October 2020 totaled 386 million, down 3 percent from last year. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,459 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2019.

**Total layers** in the United States on November 1, 2020 totaled 388 million, down 3 percent from last year. The 388 million layers consisted of 324 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 60.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.14 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on November 1, 2020,

averaged 79.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from November 1, 2019.

**Egg-type chicks** hatched during October 2020 totaled 50.6 million, down 3 percent from October 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 44.6 million on November 1, 2020, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of **egg-type pullet chicks** for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 197,000 during October 2020, down 1 percent from October 2019.

**Broiler-type chicks** hatched during October 2020 totaled 805 million, down 1 percent from October 2019. Eggs in incubators totaled 660 million on November 1, 2020, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Leading breeders placed 8.07 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2020, up 7 percent from October 2019.

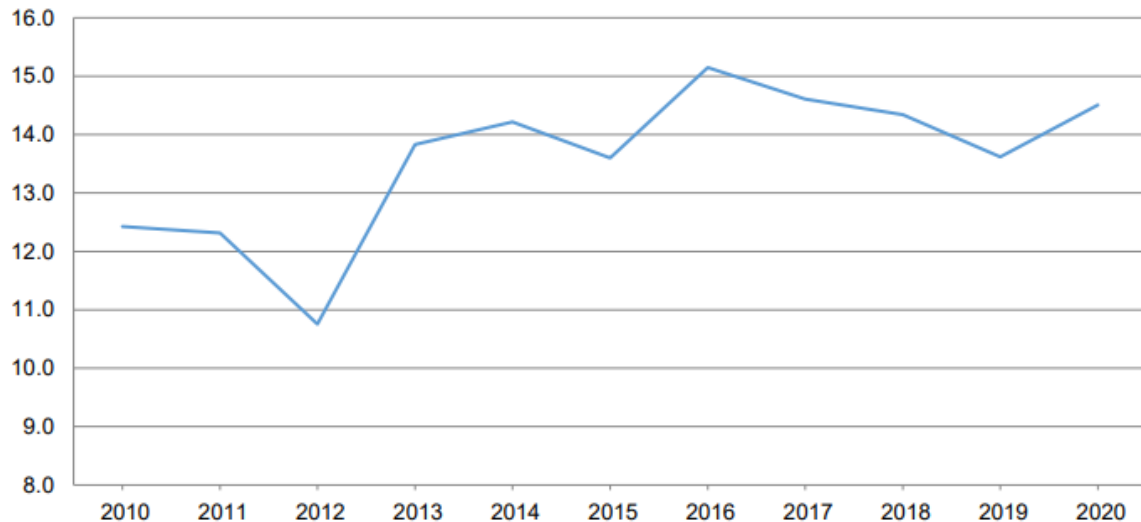
## NOVEMBER CROP PRODUCTION

**United States - Corn production for grain** is forecast at 14.5 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast, but up 7 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 175.8 bushels per harvested acre, down 2.6 bushels from the previous forecast, but up 8.3 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.5 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1 percent from the previous year.

The November 1 corn objective yield data indicate the fourth highest number of ears on record for the combined 10 objective yield States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin). At 14.5 billion bushels, 2020 corn production for grain is forecast to be the third highest production on record for the United States. The forecasted yield, at 175.8 bushels per acre, is up 5 percent from last year's final estimate of 167.5 bushels per acre. If realized, this would be the third highest yield on record for the United States. Record high yields are forecast in Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, New York, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin.

## Corn Production – United States

Billion bushels



**Soybean production for beans** is forecast at 4.17 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the previous forecast, but up 17 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 50.7 bushels per harvested acre, down 1.2 bushels from the previous forecast, but up 3.3 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 82.3 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 10 percent from 2019.

The November objective yield data for the combined 11 major soybean-producing States (Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and South Dakota) indicate a higher pod count compared with the previous year. Compared with final counts for 2019, pod counts are up in 10 of the 11 published States. Illinois showed the greatest increase, up 567 pods per 18 square feet from the previous year. If realized, the forecasted yield will be a record high in Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

### COLD STORAGE

**United States - Total natural cheese stocks** in re-

frigerated warehouses on October 31, 2020 were down 1 percent from the previous month and down slightly from October 31, 2019. **Butter stocks** were down 13 percent from last month, but up 28 percent from a year ago.

**Total frozen poultry supplies** on October 31, 2020 were down 7 percent from the previous month and down 4 percent from a year ago. **Total stocks of chicken** were up 3 percent from the previous month, but down 4 percent from last year. **Total pounds of turkey** in freezers were down 25 percent from last month and down 4 percent from October 31, 2019.

**Total frozen fruit stocks** were up 10 percent from last month, but down 15 percent from a year ago. **Total frozen vegetable stocks** were up 7 percent from last month and up 3 percent from a year ago.

**Total red meat supplies** in freezers were up 1 percent from the previous month, but down 12 percent from last year. **Total pounds of beef** in freezers were up 8 percent from the previous month and up 7 percent from last year. **Frozen pork supplies** were down 4 percent from the previous month and down 27 percent from last year. **Stocks of pork bellies** were down 21 percent from last month and down 57 percent from last year.

**JANUARY AGRICULTURAL  
SURVEYS ANNOUNCEMENT**

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting the January Cattle and Sheep and Goat surveys from December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Survey data are collected across the country and are used to set state and national estimates for cattle, sheep and goats.

Enumerators from the West Virginia Field Office will be collecting data on cattle, sheep and goat inventories. The cattle questions will cover milk and beef cow numbers including replacement heifers, steers, cattle on feed, milk production, and calf crop. Sheep and goat questions will include breeding and market sheep and goat numbers, lamb and kid crops, 2020 wool and mohair production, and death totals. Results of the surveys will be published in the February edition of the *Mountain State Reporter* and on our website at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/wv>.

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